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ANGLO-CHINESE ENTERPRISE.

COAL MINING IN ANHUI PROVINCE.

The *China Express and Telegraph* (London) says:—

The Anglo-Chinese Trust and Mercantile Corporation, Limited are about to make an issue of £300,000 Guaranteed Mortgage Debenture Bonds of £100 each at 5 per cent. per annum. The Bonds to be secured by a Capital Redemption Policy taken out with the Standard Life Assurance Company. From particulars supplied to us, the Corporation, amongst other things, have secured an option to select four coal mines out of the 302 mines controlled by the Heng-Chow Company. During the last few months Lieut. Col. M. F. McTaggart, D.S.O., went to China to investigate the "title deeds" of these mines. His report, which was received in London a few days ago, shows that he went into this question with the British Consular Representative, the Chinese Ministry of Mines and the local owners. He expresses himself as confident that no flaw can be found in the agreement already entered into. Though Colonel McTaggart is not a coal expert, photographs and statements he sends are considered to prove the value of these mines. Economic working costs, an abundant supply of cheap labour and river transportation go with a big local demand at high prices. Summarising his report he states:—

"The district is a perfect locality of about 200 square miles, giving bituminous lumpy coal second only to the highest calorific value in China, of a quality sufficient for a world's supply. The markets for the coal are both local and foreign at rates that meet all competition. The present owners are all wealthy and influential men, keenly desirous of co-operation. An additional factor in support of the political situation states that 'Investors in Europe have very naturally been somewhat concerned about the political affairs in China.' The report goes on to say:—

"As I write it is generally supposed that the campaign between Chang Tso-lin and Wu Pei-fu is at an end, in favour of the latter, who is determined to unify the country and to help it to prosper. Fortunately for your shareholders, Mr. Archibald Grant, our administrator and general manager in China, is a personal friend of Wu Pei-fu; the latter is ready to help him at any time, and has already given him many proofs of his sincerity and friendship.

"The Province of Anhui is one of those in which there has been no serious political animosity or fighting for several hundreds of years, and commercial activity in this Province has in no way been checked during the whole of the period. In fact, it is only the more enlightened Chinese, who know that any such thing is or has been in progress, who can therefore rest assured that there is little danger from this source, and nothing at present is likely to prevent the peaceful and prosperous prosecution of business. It seems that no revolution or fighting affects foreign traders to any great extent, which always proceeds as if nothing were occurring.

"Before concluding, I should like to give you an example of Mr. Grant's position in this country. His Chinese manager is the nephew of H.E. Tang Shao-yi, ex-Premier of China. He is personally acquainted with the Governors of the various Provinces, and he can only say that his influence among the Chinese is most exceptional, as I think the perusal of my report will show.

In addition to this business, the Anglo-Chinese Trust and Mercantile Corporation, Ltd., have provided for the acquisition of a Concession for raising the walls surrounding the city of Changsha; the reclamation of land facing the harbour, approximately 600 feet in depth, and from two to three miles in length, so that vessels up to 15,000 tons can load and unload in any state of the tide; the replanning of the city on modern sanitary lines, and the installation and election of warehouses, new waterworks, electric lighting, modern sanitation, electric tramways, telephones, etc., etc. The Central Government of China, it is stated, will permit the issue of Gold Bonds for the capital required to complete this work (computed at £15,000,000), bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum. The security for the payment of interest on the Bonds issued, and for the principal and the redemption of same, at agreed dates, is as follows:—

(a) A first charge on the net revenues from the harbour.
(b) A first charge on all the municipal taxes.
(c) A guarantee as to principal and interest by the city of Changsha, and
(d) A covering guarantee to the city of Changsha by the Chinese Government.

The city of Changsha has an approximate population of 1,250,000, and the Directors of the Anglo-Chinese Trust and Mercantile Corporation, Limited, by subcontracting with various contractors, estimate substantial profits will be made for the Corporation. Tentative arrangements have already been made with a number of the important contracting firms in this country, to undertake the different branches of this work. Subscribers to this Bond issue have the right over a period of 5 years, of converting the Bonds into shares of the Corporation, thus acquiring a free option should profits warrant such an exchange.

Opening the campaign in the Senate in support of President Harding's Ship Subsidy Bill, Senator Randall, president of the National Merchant Marine Association, urged that to vote against it would be to vote for British supremacy on the high seas.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

A STATEMENT BY THE ENVOY.

In an interview at Peking with the representative of a Japanese News Agency, Mr. A. A. Joffe, the Special Envoy of the Soviet Government, made the following statement:—

"The forthcoming Russo-Japanese Conference to be held at Changchun early in September is for the purpose of discussing the resumption of normal relations and settlement of pending questions between Japan on the one hand, and the Far Eastern Republic and the Russian Socialist Federative Soviet Republic on the other.

"I am authorised to negotiate in the name of the two Republics in just the same way as Mr. Jansson, the Foreign Minister of the China Government, is. At the same time I am appointed by the two Governments as the chairman of the Russian delegation.

"The negotiations can be conducted only on a basis of full equality and rights of the parties concerned. The interests of each side must be safeguarded. Both parties must be willing to make mutual concessions in case of necessity. The Moscow Government does not consider the agreements reached at the Dairen Conference as binding them, as they did not take part at that Conference; but still, I think the negotiations which were carried on for such a long time cannot be considered as having no significance.

"The Revolution of 1917 sounded the death-knell to any of Russia's Imperialistic designs in the Far East, while Japan's recent declaration of the withdrawal of her troops from Siberia is signalled as a great victory of the Japanese Liberals over the Militarists.

"At this moment I can find no reason why the peoples of the two neighbouring States cannot get together to promote the mutual interests and secure the peaceful development of the Far East.

"It is sincerely hoped that a new era will dawn in the relations of Japan and Russia, as the result of the Changchun Conference."

TRADING WITH GERMANY.

NOT DESIRED BY WEST AUSTRALIAN MERCHANTS.

The Perth (Western Australia) Chamber of Commerce held a special meeting recently to discuss the Anti-Dumping Act and the resumption of trade with Germany.

Mr. Alexander, President of the Chamber, who had been a war prisoner in Germany, said that personally he liked to import all the goods possible from Great Britain, but it would be a foolish policy to debar ourselves from the markets of 77,000,000 people. If Australians desired German markets for their productions, they would have to buy some of the goods. Our wool was already going to Germany through other channels, and thus the profit was lost to the producers.

Mr. A. H. Malloch moved that the resumption of trading with Germany would be greatly to the advantage of Australia, and that the Anti-Dumping Act would detrimentally affect the primary producers, firstly in regard to selling, and secondly in the buying requirements.

Mr. Pritchard said we did not want cheap goods in Australia. The farmer to-day could pay the present prices for his requirements, because he was getting a tremendous price for his products.

Mr. Malloch's motion lapsed for want of a second, and no other motion was proposed.

SHORTS FROM THE LONDON COURTS.

Motorist summoned at Highgate: I have a wife and seven children, yet you call me a danger to the public.

Husband at Highgate: I think that I deserve the Victoria Cross for marrying a woman with five children. I was at Loos, too.

Woman at Highgate: May I summon a neighbour for incivility?—Magistrate: Was she very incivil? Woman: Yes. She hit me on the head with a clothes prop.

Reverber at Old-street: I was celebrating my fiftieth birthday. Mr. Cairns: What was there in that to celebrate? Man: It comes only once in fifty years.

SHARK IMPALED BY "CALEDONIA."

The P. & O. steamer *Caledonia* after leaving Aden recently on the homeward voyage, impaled on her bow a large shark, which was apparently basking on the surface of the sea. It remained there for forty minutes, and when the *Caledonia* stopped it fell off.

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HOUSING CONDITIONS AND DISEASE IN HONGKONG.

OBSERVATIONS BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Dr. W. W. Pearce, Medical Officer of Health, in his annual report for the year 1921, writes:—

"The urban population of the Colony is crowded into a small area. For the last twenty years it has become more and more difficult to find room for the ever increasing Chinese population. Old houses formerly occupied by Europeans and standing in their own gardens and old small Chinese houses have been demolished and replaced by many storeyed Chinese tenement dwellings.

"The result is that overcrowding, always serious in the Colony, has increased.

"The following figures will be of interest in this respect. Health Districts 4 to 8 inclusive form the great central Chinese portion of Victoria. Their combined average is 200 persons per house. The Chinese houses and population therein as enumerated at the censuses of 1911 and 1921 can be compared by the following table.

	1911.	1921.
Houses	4,877	5,000
Floors	18,100	16,334
Population	122,002	160,658
Persons per house	25.1	32.3
Persons per floor	6.7	7.9

"The census figures of 1921 are admittedly too low and, if the figures for persons per house and floor for 1921 be increased by ten per cent, a more accurate estimate will probably be obtained. This would bring the number of persons per house to 31.1 and per floor to 8.6.

"Very many grand floors are used as shops and stores and are fitted out with the shops and their fixtures only. Based on the above given figures the average number of persons per floor in these districts was in 1911 7.6 persons, while for 1921, using the estimated figure for persons per house, it was 10.17 or about 33 per cent. more.

"Owing to the fact that shops and stores are not occupied to the same extent as are upper floors it follows that the number of persons per upper floor must exceed the above figures. Observation indeed shows that this is the case, and that the upper floors of tenement houses are greatly overcrowded.

"Overcrowding has naturally an effect on the spread of infectious diseases.

Some diseases, e.g. Influenza and Coryza, are spread by what is known as "droplet infection." The infected person, whether sufferer or carrier, discharges when he coughs or sneezes minute droplets liable to contain the specific infective parasite. In crowded rooms, streets, places of amusement, etc., those who, being in close proximity to such a person, breathe the air thus often intensely contaminated are liable to direct infection.

Bubonic plague, spread by the bites of rat fleas seeking blood and driven by hunger to bite human beings because their natural hosts the rats have died, will naturally be more prevalent in crowded than in uncrowded houses.

Tuberculosis is, *par excellence*, a disease whose spread is favoured by overcrowding combined with want of light and free ventilation.

The Tubercle Bacillus is killed by desiccation but the sputum of a Phthisical person can be dried to such a degree that it can be blown about in the form of dust without killing the bacilli.

Sunlight and bright diffused daylight rapidly kill these parasites.

Unfortunately the Chinese houses of this Colony are not constructed to permit the action of these natural disinfecting agents.

The present Public Health and Buildings Ordinance has effected a great improvement in the type of Chinese tenement houses. With regard to plague prevention we find now better paved ground surfaces, absence of hollow walls and ceilings, absence of rat holes since 1903. This means that rat infestation of houses is less likely than formerly.

The prevalence of this disease in the Colony since its first discovery there in 1894 suggests that the new building laws have had some good result. The following table shows the numbers of plague cases notified in the Colony since 1891.

Year.	Cases.	Year.	Cases.
1891	5,000	1905	1,073
1895	41	1909	135
1896	1,204	1910	25
1897	21	1911	269
1898	1,320	1912	1,557
1899	1,456	1913	408
1900	1,087	1914	2,149
1901	1,652	1915	144
1902	572	1916	38
1903	1,415	1917	306
1904	510	1918	336
1905	272	1919	138
1906	803	1920	150
1907	240	1921	150

"This is an estimate and is probably much too low.

The Public Health and Buildings Ordinance became law on the 21st February, 1903, but its effect was not immediate; indeed there was a marked tendency to have plans approved and buildings begun under the old Ordinance during 1903 to avoid the restrictions about to be introduced by the new law.

It is therefore fair to include the plague figures of 1903 as being conditioned by pre-existing regulations and if this be done it will appear that during the ten years of the old regime there were recorded 13,800 cases of plague while during the eighteen years 1904 to 1921 inclusive there were 9,067 cases.

The new law, however, has failed to produce a satisfactory type of Chinese houses. Certainly the new houses are better provided with open spaces at their backs, they have better lighting and ventilation chiefly manifest when they are empty, but they are still narrow long tunnels. The Chinese family of the artisan class is too poor to rent a whole floor of an area of 500 to 600 square feet. He will have privacy and so he rents a small portion

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CHINESE CUSTOMS DUTIES.

COMMENT FROM THE LONDON "TIMES."

We (*Times*) understand that as at present arranged, Sir Richard Dane, formerly Assistant Chief Inspector of the Chinese Salt Revenue Administration, will leave England for China in October to take part as one of the British representatives, at the Special Conference of the Powers at Peking on the subject which was signed at the time of the Washington Conference by the United States, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Japan and China. Its main duties will be to prepare, for the speedy abolition of the salt monopoly, for the fulfilment of the other conditions laid down in the Treaties of 1902 and 1903 between Great Britain, the United States, Japan, and China, with a view to levying the surtaxes provided for and arranging an interim measure, to the levying of a surtax that will raise the import duty to 75 per cent. of value, with an increase to 10 per cent. on articles of luxury. The decisions that may be reached by the Conference are awaited in this country with considerable interest, as an increased Chinese Customs revenue would mean that funds would be available which might be applied, in part, to payment of the interest on various unsecured loans.

PROPOSED AID TO CHINA.

JAPANESE OPPOSITION.

The Peking correspondent of the *Times*, dated on August 4th:—

The Powers interested in the development of stable conditions in China have been endeavouring to arrange for advances to the Government totalling 15,000,000 dollars (about £1,850,000) at the rate of two and a half millions monthly.

The money would be advanced only under strict control, but the proposition cannot be submitted to Parliament owing to the refusal of Japan to give her approval. The grounds of this opposition are difficult to understand, unless they are based on a desire not to stabilize the Peking Government until Chang Tso-lin is restored to his position in Manchuria, or unless Japan wishes to have a lever in hand to influence the Chinese delegates to the conference in regard to the restoration of Shanghai to acquiesce in her plans.

In view of China's desperate financial situation and the struggles which are now being made to bring order out of chaos, any obstruction of the efforts of the Powers to render help is nothing short of criminal.

All efforts to select the best possible Cabinet will be abortive unless China is financially assisted during the first few months.

A HEAVY CLAIM.

FOR SALVAGING A JAPANESE STEAMER.

The Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Co., of Manila, which did the work of salvaging the Japanese freighter *Myoko Maru* and her cargo as she lay stranded on Panagatan Reef off the coast of Mindoro, has started a civil action in the Court of First Instance against S. Mizuno, Shigeki Iwaki, T. Yamamoto and the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha for the purpose of collecting the sum of P.200,000 which the company claims it is entitled to for the salvage work.

of a floor and builds thereon a cubicle of an area of about 60 to 70 square feet. (The law requires that no cubicle shall have a less area than 64 square feet.)

The cubicles, partitions, act as baffle plates preventing free circulation of air. They also darken the cubicles and herein lies their danger.

The natural preventive agencies, against Tuberculosis are not given fair play.

From the abstracts of the annual summary prepared by the Registrar of Births and Deaths the following figures are taken and show (1) the number of deaths recorded, as due to general Tuberculosis, Phthisis and Pulmonary Tuberculosis, and (2) the percentage of deaths due to Tubercular infection of the total deaths registered during each year from 1912 to 1921 inclusive.

Year.	General Tuberculosis and Phthisis	Percentage of Total deaths.
1912	1,086	12.1
1913	1,092	15.5
1914	1,013	11.3
1915	1,002	14.4
1916	1,622	14.8
1917	1,271	14.3
1918	1,504	12.2
1919	1,009	14.05
1920	1,770	16.7
1921	1,697	15.0

The total death in the Colony from Tubercular Disease during 1921 amounted to 1894, while total deaths from all the principal Notifiable Infectious Diseases and including those from Malaria, Influenza, Measles and Dysentery which are not notifiable amounted to 1,280. This group of diseases includes, from those which are notifiable, Typhoid and paratyphoid Fevers, Plague, Small-pox, Cholera and Diphtheria.

The difference between these two totals shows 614 more deaths from Tuberculosis than from all the other dangerous Infectious Diseases from which the Colony suffers in Epidemic form either continuously as in the case of Malaria or from time to time as in the case of Plague, Cholera and Small-pox giving a ratio of 100 to 47.9. Tuberculosis takes its steady toll in deaths year by year and attracts no great notice.

SPORT.

INTERPORT SWIMMING CONTESTS.

SHANGHAI THE WINNERS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

SHANGHAI, September 10th.
HUNDRED YARDS.—1. Johnstone (Hongkong); 2. Brodie (Shanghai); 3. D. Lyon (Hongkong). Time was 22.3 sec.

HALF-MILE.—1. D. Laing (Hongkong); 2. G. Jack (Hongkong); 3. J. B. Brown (Shanghai). Time: 10 mins., 17.4 sec.

LONG PLYMOUTH.—1. McGregor (Shanghai); 2. Berthet (Shanghai); 3. Featherstonhaugh (Shanghai). Distance: 98 feet 10 inches.

THROWING THE POLO BALL.—1. Buschart (Hongkong); 2. MacCabe (Shanghai); 3. Johnstone (Hongkong). Distance: 15 feet 2 inches.

880 YARDS.—Won by Laing (Hongkong). Time: 17.4 sec. Jack (Hongkong), second and Brown (Shanghai) third.

WATER POLO.—Hongkong beat Kobe by 12 goals to 1.

On the events for the two days Shanghai and Hongkong tie, each having scored 28 points, whilst Kobe has scored no points.

SATURDAY'S CONTESTS.

SHANGHAI, September 10th.

The Interport Swimming Contests concluded last night, with Shanghai leading with 42 points, Hongkong scored 37 points and Kobe none.

The following were Saturday night's results:

HUNDRED YARDS BACK STROKE.—1. Noronha (Hongkong); 2. Jensen (Shanghai); 3. Buschart (Hongkong). Time: 1 min., 21.4 sec.

Butcher, correspondent says this breaks the Interport record by 1.5 sec.

DIVING CHAMPIONSHIP.—1. J. B. Brown (Shanghai); 2. A. P. Goldman (Shanghai); 3. C. N. Brown (Shanghai). Time: 1 min., 21.4 sec.

WATER POLO.—Shanghai beat Hongkong by seven goals to two.

INTERPORT LAWN BOWLS.

SHANGHAI THE VICTORS.

SHANGHAI, September 10th.

In the Interport Lawn Bowls Contest, Shanghai scored twenty-four points, Hongkong eight.

LATER.

Shanghai beat Hankow by 21 to 10, after an extra end.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI RECREATION CLUB.

We take the following from the *Shanghai Mercury* of September 10th:—

The first Interport match was played yesterday between Hongkong and the Recreation Club, resulting in a defeat for the Hongkong visitors by 24 points to 7. The "Reck" were in splendid form, but probably when the Hongkong visitors have had time to recover from a somewhat strenuous voyage, they will show improved form.

At the commencement of the contest, there was some excellent bowling and the scores were kept down to single, but at the 6th end the home side began to lead and by the time for the ten interval the score was 14/2. Later, the visitors pulled up a bit, but Veitch robbed them by knocking out Ferguson, and the Recreation Club continued to pile up the scores, winning the game by 24 to 7.

To criticize the players:—McMurtie was weak for some time, but pulled up splendidly and played an excellent game after the interval. Lapsley unfortunately did not seem able to judge the length and did not come up to his form. Wallace played a good sound game, but Ferguson, though showing some good play, was also not up to his usual.

The home side were in their very best form. Poignand played a really wonderful game, as also did Phillips. Wallace was also good and Veitch, the skip played a good, steady game.

The teams were:—
Hongkong—J. Ferguson (skip), R. Wallace, J. McMurtie and R. Lapsley.
Recreation Club—H. Veitch (skip), T. E. Poignand, R. P. Phillips and S. Wallace, 24.

TENNIS.

GARRISON TENNIS LEAGUE.

R.A.O.C. beat R.E. "B" by 22 games to 29.

Capt. Spinks and S.Q.M.S. Nicholas (R.A.O.C.) beat Lieut. Taylor and Spr. McWhinnie (R.E.), 7-2; beat Q.M.S. Longbottom and S.S. Best, 5-4; beat Cpl. Trengrove and Spr. Newing, 6-4.

Q.M.S. Foster and S.S. Haynes beat Taylor and McWhinnie, 9-0; beat Longbottom and Best, 8-1; beat Trengrove and Newing, 5-4.

Pte. Olliver and Tennant lost to Taylor and McWhinnie, 4-5; lost to Longbottom and Best, 4-5; beat Trengrove and Newing, 5-4.

R.E. "A" beat 36th Co., R.G.A. by 54 games to 27.

S.C. Smith and S.S. Hamblin (R.E.) lost to Capt. Olliver and Sgt. Phillips (38), 4-5; beat B.S.M. Williams and B. Dawson, 7-5; beat Gns. Clow and Hitchings, 5-4.

C.S.M. Pearson and Sgt. Townsend beat Olliver and Phillips, 5-4; beat Williams and Dawson, 8-1; beat Clow and Hitchings, 8-1.

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OBITUARY.

MR. T. O. WILKEN.

The newspaper Press of Hongkong has suffered a loss by the death of Mr. Thomas Oliver Wilken, publisher of the *China Mail*, which occurred at the Government Civil Hospital at 3.30 a.m. on Sunday.

Mr. Wilken had been under treatment for some weeks for nephritis and double pneumonia supervened just at a time when his friends were hoping that he was on the way to recovered health.

Mr. Wilken was a native of Luton in Bedfordshire where he served for a time with the "Bedfordshire Observer," one of those solid country weekly papers which have been the training ground of many journalists.

He came to the Far East in 1914, on an engagement as reporter for five years with the *South China Morning Post*. On completion, he transferred in November, 1919, to the *China Mail* and, having business ability as well as a high degree of expertness as a reporter, was transferred to the business department as publisher of the paper.

He was always ready, however, in emergency, to take an engagement and give the editorial staff, a helping hand. His sudden death, at the age of 29 years, is regretted by all his friends.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley Roman Catholic Cemetery last evening when a large number of wreaths were sent on behalf of the local newspapers, the editorial, business and composing staffs and by individual members of the newspaper fraternity and personal friends. The United Athletic Club also sent a wreath. The Rev. Fr. Bianchi assisted by the Rev. Father Novat conducted the funeral service, which was attended by practically all the members of the local Press and many other friends.

NEW KING'S COUNSEL.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. C. G. ALABASTER, O.B.E.

Saturday's *Government Gazette* announced that in pursuance of directions given by H.M. the King, Mr. Chaloner Grenville Alabaster, O.B.E., has been appointed a King's Counsel for Hongkong. His many friends will congratulate him on the distinction.

Mr. Alabaster is the senior member of the Junior Bar in Hongkong, having been called by the Inner Temple in June, 1904. In the early part of his career at the Bar, while practising in London, he was for a time Secretary to the China Association. It was appropriate that Mr. Alabaster should ultimately take up residence in the Far East, for he had many associations with this part of the world. His father, Sir Chaloner Alabaster, was Consul-General at Canton a good many years ago.

Mr. Alabaster has acted as Attorney-General on two occasions in Hongkong. The first occasion was in April, 1911, two years after his admission to practise before the Supreme Court of Hongkong, when he acted in the absence, on leave, of Mr. (now Sir) William Rice-Davies. The period, as the records show, was one of considerable legislative activity. Mr. Alabaster performed the duties of the office for nearly twelve months. On May 2nd, 1912, he again took the oath and his seat on the Legislative Council as Attorney-General and acted until the arrival in August of the same year, of Mr. J. S. Bucknill, who had been appointed to the office.

Mr. Alabaster rendered another service to the Colony by editing a revised edition of the Ordinance of Hongkong, which was issued in 1913. For several years he has been a member of the Sanitary Board. During the war he acted as Deputy Cable Censor, for which he was awarded the O.B.E.

By the profession, Mr. Alabaster is regarded as a very sound lawyer.

Cpl. Hallam and Spr. Coupland lost to Olliver and Phillips, 3-6; beat Williams and Dawson, 8-1; beat Clow and Hitchings, 6-3.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
R.E. "A"	9	0	0	9
R.E. "B"	10	7	3	7
R.A.O.C.	7	5	2	5
36th Co. R.G.A.	10	3	7	3
R.A.M.C.	5	2	3	2
Small Units	8	2	6	2
King's	7	0	7	0

WATER POLO.

GARRISON WATER POLO LEAGUE.

Results:—				
94 Co. R.G.A.	7	"D" Co. King's	0	
88 Co. R.G.A.	3	"A" Co. King's	2	
R.E.	0	"B" Co. King's	0	
83 Co. R.G.A.	5	94 Co. R.G.A.	3	
"A" Co. King's	4	"C" Co. King's	0	
83 Co. R.G.A.	4	R.E.	0	
"A" Co. King's	9	"D" Co. King's	1	
94 Co. R.G.A.	6	R.E.	0	
"A" Co. King's	4	94 Co. R.G.A.	4	

BOMB EXPLOSION AT WANCHAI.

ONE KILLED AND SEVEN WOUNDED.

A very strange accident occurred at No. 15, Tai Wong Street East, Wanchai, on Saturday afternoon, resulting in the death of a coolie and the wounding of seven others, all more or less seriously.

The house is used as quarters for coolies and at about 3 p.m. a coolie brought in a sealed tin which he could not open. He struck it with a hammer and an implement serving the purpose of a chisel and a terrific explosion occurred. The coolie was terribly injured, his left foot and left arm being blown off. He died shortly after his admission to hospital. Another coolie, who was sitting close by watching the operation, was also seriously injured, his left leg being shattered. Six other coolies in the room were also injured by the force of the explosion, one man having his eye seriously damaged.

Within a few minutes after the occurrence the police arrived on the scene and rendered first aid. The wounded were despatched to hospital by motor ambulance. The police are unaware how the man became possessed of the box, nor do they know the exact nature of its contents. "They are of the opinion that the coolie was hammering at a bomb, but the fact that the house where the explosion occurred was not damaged, despite the fact that it happened on the ground floor, suggests that it was a very crudely made bomb, or, perhaps, a tin of gunpowder."

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S BAND CONCERT.

A very pleasant evening was provided for a great many people in the grounds of the Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday evening, when an *ad hoc* Band Concert took place. The programme was one of high merit; the evening was delightful, whilst the size of the audience must have been very encouraging to the promoters.

The music was provided by the Legation Band of the King's under the able conductorship of Mr. H. D. Holmesley, the programme consisting of 12 selections. Chief among them were Amy Woodforde Finden's Four Indian Love Lyrics, "Less than The Dust" being exceptionally well rendered. Selections from "The Mikado," "The Maid of the Mountains" and "H.M.S. Pinafore" were well received. "A Dervish Chorus" was very well done. The pavilion was picked out in electric lights, the colour scheme being red and green—the colours of the club. An open air refreshment bar was well patronised throughout the evening. On account of the renovations which are now in course of progress at the Club the usual stage was out of commission, the Band playing in an enclosed space some distance from the pavilion.

Among those present at the concert were Dr. Forsyth, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. R. E. Lindsell and many other well-known club members and their friends. It is estimated that 500 people attended the concert.

COLONY'S FINANCES.

REVENUE CONTINUES TO INCREASE.

A comparative statement of revenue and expenditure for the first five months of the present year, published in the *Government Gazette* shows that the revenue for the period was \$9,866,121, which compares with \$8,438,061 for the corresponding five months of last year, a principal cause of the increase is the proceeds from land sales, which totalled over two million dollars, as against \$1,052,295 for the same period twelve months ago. The expenditure for the five months totalled \$6,753,378, this comparing with \$5,354,997 for the same period in 1921.

For May of this year, the total revenue was \$1,858,458, as against \$1,444,925 last year. The expenditure for May was \$1,801,818, as against \$993,561 last year.

BANK RETURNS.

NOTES IN CIRCULATION AND SPECIE IN RESERVE.

This returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st, August, 1922, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks are as follows:—

Banks	Bank Notes	Specie in Reserve
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	\$5,851,262	\$5,000,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp.	2,595,129	26,000,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.	1,385,381	550,000
Total	\$9,831,772	\$31,550,000

Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$200,000.

Securities with the Crown Agents and Straits Government \$1,800,000.

Securities with the Crown Agents \$130,000.

HUGE HAUL OF ARMS. HEAVY SENTENCE.

Police Sergt. Carey, of the Water Police at 2.30 a.m. on Saturday made a huge haul of arms and ammunition on board a junk, lying at the junk anchorage, West Point. The seizure comprised 44 Mauser pistols, 130 revolvers, one Winchester rifle, 27 Mauser cleaning rods, 32 Mauser springs, 66 clips, 100 cleaning brushes and 21,780 rounds of ammunition.

Two Chinese named Lo Kap, a boatman, and Leung Ah Mui, the mistress of the boat, were arrested and brought before Mr. Lindsell, the same morning.

Sub-Inspector Grant asked for the case to be heard before two Magistrates. This was agreed to.

Asked by Mr. Lindsell if he had acted on information received, Sergeant Carey, giving evidence, said he did not. He just engaged a sampan to do patrols through the junk anchorage. His attention was drawn to the defendant's junk by the fact that the front part of it was covered with canvas. Becoming suspicious, he boarded the junk. The woman, who was keeping watch in the stern of the boat, gave the alarm and three men rushed up from the hold. Two of them jumped into the water and escaped. The male defendant ran to a neighbouring junk where he was arrested. In the hold of the vessel, Sergeant Carey found the contraband, nearly all of which was done up in sacking. About 2,000 rounds of ammunition were scattered about the floor. Apparently the gang had been disturbed in the act of packing the stuff. The woman when questioned by the Sergeant said she was the mistress of the boat and produced the license.

Asked if she had anything to say, the woman told the Magistrates that a sampan came alongside in the middle of the night and paid her \$10 to keep the packages until called for. She did not know what the contents of the packages were.

The man's excuse was that he was asleep when the Sergeant called. He was also asleep when the stuff was brought on board.

The defendants were sentenced to two years' hard labour each.

OLD MAN FINED FOR CARRYING A PISTOL.

Ma Chue Chun, aged 70 years, a passenger on board the s.s. *China* was yesterday fined \$100 by Mr. Lindsell, at the Magistrate's for having in his possession, without the permission of the Captain Superintendent of Police, a revolver and 18 rounds of ammunition.

The old man said that he had been 40 years in America, living at Beaconsfield, California. Asked by the Magistrate if he had read the notices on board the vessel, regarding the importation of arms into the Colony, the defendant said he was too sea-sick to notice anything; besides he could not read.

Sub-Inspector Grant said the man must have known he was doing wrong as the revolver was tied round his leg.

The Magistrate: Oh, was it?—a deliberate case of smuggling.

In imposing the fine Mr. Lindsell remarked if the man wanted his revolver back he would have to apply to the Captain Superintendent of Police.

ANOTHER ARMS SEIZURE.

Sergeant Andrew of the Water Police seized 10 revolvers and 1,000 rounds of ammunition on board the s.s. *China* on Friday. No arrests have been made.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

COUNCIL FOR GIBRALTAR.

It was officially announced on August 2nd that an Executive Council for Gibraltar was to be appointed shortly for the first time in history. In addition to officials, unofficial inhabitants will be represented on the Council.

JAMAICA'S CONSTITUTION.

At a public meeting held at Kingston, on August 5th it was resolved to urge the Colonial Government to send a deputation from the Jamaica Legislature to the Colonial Office to confer with Mr. Churchill over details of the scheme for an extension of the system of representative government in Jamaica which was recommended by Mr. Wood, the Parliamentary Under Secretary for the Colonies, in his report on his official tour of the West Indies.

ORGAN RECITAL.

The following is the programme to be given this (Monday) evening in St. John's Cathedral at 8.15:—

- 1.—Introduction and Allegro... *Cuilmeant*.
- 2.—Intermezzo... *Mascagni*.
- 3.—Recit. and Air... "When Jesus heard it" *H. Gould*.

MR. A. P. GLANVILLE.

- 4.—In Springtime... *P. Kinder*.
- 5.—Hymn 19.
- 6.—Finale (Pathetic Symphony) *Tchaikowsky*.
- 7.—Air... "Lord God of Abraham" *Mendelssohn*.

MR. A. P. GLANVILLE.

- 7.—Recessional... *Denman Fuller*.

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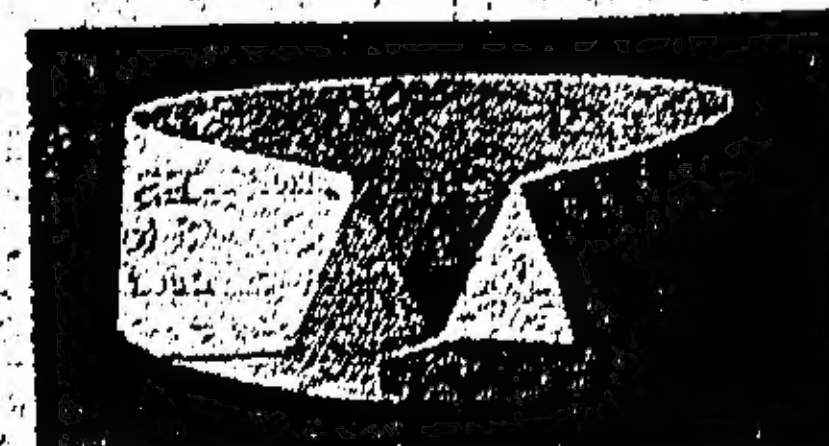
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, have from the 1st DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1922, severed their connection with the STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY and accordingly all bills for any such date they will not be responsible for any debt or liability incurred by the said STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY.

For HONGKONG HOTEL CO. LTD.,
J. H. TAGGART,
Managing Director.

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STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY.

THE UNDERSIGNED have from the 1st DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1922, taken over the business of the above named Company as a going concern and as from such date all outstanding accounts due to or from the said Company shall be received or discharged by the undersigned.

Dated the 8th day of September, 1922.
LEUNG ENTIN,
FUNG TAT HANG.

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HONGKONG CLUB
NOTICE.

THE SECOND YEARLY DRAWING OF TWENTY DEBENTURES OF THE HONGKONG CLUB (1922 issue, \$500 each) was held in the Club House on FRIDAY, the 8th SEPTEMBER, 1922, when the following Debentures were drawn for redemption—

29	188	314	806
31	206	370	821
40	251	419	848
44	253	582	880
150	286	571	755

and will be payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on SATURDAY, the 30th SEPTEMBER, 1922, in exchange for surrender of same.

By Order,
A. H. ABBAS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th September, 1922. [1475]

NOTICE.

THE BRITISH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, TIENTSIN, hereby invites applications for the Post of MUNICIPAL ENGINEER. The salary offered is Tls. 700 per mensem. Candidates in their applications should state nationality, age, and particulars of past experience. Applications, with copies of testimonials, should be addressed to the undersigned and posted in time to arrive in Tientsin not later than October 1st, 1922.

By Order,
J. R. LYNES,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Tientsin, August 30th, 1922. [1471]

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE.

CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

A NEW CLASS FOR BEGINNERS will commence on MONDAY, 11th SEPT., 1922, if sufficient support be forthcoming. Applications for enrolment and enquiries regarding hours of School, Fees, etc., should be made to the undersigned as early as possible.

By Order,
D. K. BLAIR,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1922. [1419]

BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

WIMBLY PARK, LONDON.

APRIL—OCTOBER, 1924.

BRITISH FIRMS in Hongkong desirous of exhibiting at the British Empire Exhibition are requested to communicate with the undersigned before the 15th inst., regarding their space requirements.

By Order,
D. K. BLAIR,
Secretary.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 4th September, 1922. [1452]

MOTOR CAR OWNERS ARE STEADILY
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INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

MR. BOILE CHRISTIANSEN having ceased to be our representative, his power of attorney for his name on THIS DAY, 11th SEPTEMBER, 1922, is hereby revoked.

THE ENGINEERS OF CHINA, LTD.,
Peking.
MOORE BENNETT,
Chairman.

15th September, 1922. [1468]

THE DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL,
KOWLOON.

THIS SCHOOL will RE-OPEN on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER the 12th, at 9 A.M. Boarders return on Monday, September the 11th.

[1453]

THE HONGKONG-ROPE MANU-
FACTURING CO., LTD.

A N INTERIM DIVIDEND OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1) per share for account 1922 will be payable on MONDAY, the 18th SEPTEMBER, 1922. Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, Hongkong.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 9th September to Monday the 18th September, 1922, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

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GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO. LTD.

NOTICE.

A N INTERIM DIVIDEND OF Fifty Cents (50 cents) per share has been declared for the half year ending 30th June, 1922. Such Interim Dividend will be payable on and after MONDAY, the 11th September, at the Office of the Company, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th August, 1922, until the 11th September, 1922 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

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S.S. "TUNGSHING."

SEALED IN SWATOW HARBOR.

MESSRS. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD., General Managers, INDO-CHINA S.N. CO. LTD., HONGKONG, are prepared to receive TENDERS for the temporary repair, fitting, and delivery of the above steamer her stores, apparel and tackle, afloat, in the Harbour of Swatow, in a condition for proceeding to Hongkong.

Permits for inspection of vessel as she now lies, will be issued on application to the above.

[1464]

TENDER.

For Flood Protection Work.

SEALED TENDERS marked "LUPAO EMBANKMENT" will be accepted up to 1 P.M. on SATURDAY, the 30th of Sept., 1922, at the Board's Office for the construction of Flood Protection Work at Lupao, North River, Samshui District, the work consisting of approximately 27,000 cubic earthfill and 600 ching stone masonry.

For information and user information may be obtained at the Office of the Engineer-in-Chief upon a deposit of H.K. \$25.00. This money will be returned when drawings and specifications, etc., are handed back to the Office.

BOARD OF CONSERVANCY WORKS
OF KWANGTUNG.

The Bund, Canton.
G. W. OLIVERSON,
The Engineer-in-Chief.

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S.S. "TUNGSHING."

DRIVEN ASHORE AT SWATOW IN
TYPHOON WEATHER.

ON 2nd/3rd AUGUST, 1922.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo on the above vessel are informed that in consequence of General Average Expenses and/or Special Charges on cargo having been incurred, they will be required to sign an Average Bond at the Office of the Undersigned and to pay a deposit of 5% on the value of their cargo before delivery can be granted.

Cargo has been forwarded to Hongkong and Canton by S.S. "Yuenang" and "Kiang".

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.,
General Managers,
INDO-CHINA S.N. CO. LTD.,
Hongkong, 4th September, 1922. [1453]

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Letters are lying at this Office for Boxes QV, RF, RU, RW, TH, TU.

TO BE LET—GODOWN—Spacious Two storied Godown, situated on the Praya near Bowring Canal and containing approximately 5,000 square feet on each floor. To be let to the end of the year—Apply Z, office of this paper. [224]

FOR SALE.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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The Steamship "PERSIA".
FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, BRINDISI,
PORT SAID, ADEN, PENANG
AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 5th inst. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 21st inst., or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 11th inst., at 10 a.m. No Fire Insurance had been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DOWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th September, 1922. [1457]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER
"SOUDAN".

ARRIVED HONGKONG ON 7th SEPT., 1922.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where such consignments will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo from Persian Gulf, ex B.I.S.N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary 8 hours before arrival of the steamer. Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DORRIS, at 10 A.M. on Mondays and Thursdays.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th September, 1922. [1467]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER
"MACEDONIA".

ARRIVED HONGKONG ON 5th SEPTEMBER, 1922.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR,
MARSEILLES, PORT SAID, ADEN,
BOMBAY, COLOMBO & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where such consignments will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

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Hongkong, 8th September, 1922. [1472]

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BIRTHS.

FANO.—At Neuilly s/Seine, on August 3rd to Mr. and Mrs. R. FANO (Shanghai) a son.

McNICOL.—At Shanghai, on September 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. McNicol, twin boys (stillborn).

DEATHS.

AQUINO.—At Shanghai, on September 5th, Eusebio Hector AQUINO, aged 46.

PRICE.—At Shanghai, on September 5th, JAMES GORDON, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. PRICE, aged 4 months.

WILKES.—At the Government Civil Hospital, on September 10th, THOMAS OLIVER WILKES, of the China Mail, aged 29. [1478]

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VOUEX RD., C.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 11th, 1922.

PROSPECT OF A BRITISH
GENERAL ELECTION.

With the Parliamentary session at an end and Westminster deserted by Ministers and the rank and file for the next three months the usual political stock-taking is made in the newspapers to hand by the latest mails with regard to the work done. On the whole, judgment is unfavourable to the Coalition. There are a few who still profess to believe that this system of government is the best under present conditions after the war, but it is noticeable that even the supporters of the Coalition express doubts as to the possibility of maintaining the alliance between Conservatives and Liberals much longer. For a long time the chief pre-occupation of Ministers has been how to keep their respective followers together and thus enable the business of Parliament to be carried on. More than that, it was mainly owing to the personal ascendancy of the PRIME MINISTER that the Cabinet has held together, for it is no secret that differences on questions of policy have been frequent and alarming. If the outward signs of solidarity have been

preserved it must be confessed that it has been made possible only by the subordination of principles to expediency.

Mr. Lloyd George recently had to appeal personally to the Coalition Liberals to sacrifice their convictions and support their Conservative colleagues. This was especially the case in regard to the fight in the House of Commons over the 'fabric gloves' industry, which was Protection pure and simple, masquerading in the name of 'Safeguarding of Industries.' But the PRIME MINISTER's ascendancy is now on the wane. It is admitted by his friends and admirers that his power over the House of Commons is not what it was a year or less ago. His oratory has lost its seductive charm. One explanation of this change is that he has tried to do too much. From taking a leading part in the settlement of some industrial dispute at home to trying to restore the broken fortunes of Europe at an international conference abroad, he has been in the centre of the stage and, of course, a target for criticism. No man can aspire to be a Dictator without certain obvious risks to political reputation and personal prestige.

Again, apart from personal considerations, what the average man and woman most strongly condemn is the lack of a definite policy which is inherent in Coalition government. A man or an Administration may make grave mistakes or fall short of achievement, and the public will forgive; but while the Coalition has been guilty of these things it has also been guilty of opportunism. There has been an absence of leadership, and even of agreement, on important issues before the country. The Times describes the Government as 'A Shuffling Coalition,' and asks what sort of leadership did the country receive regarding the removal of the embargo on Canadian cattle, the safeguarding of the fabric glove industry, and the reform of the House of Lords? The country looked for a lead, and found Ministers disputing in public about the effect of proposals of their own, thereby leading 'to no other conclusion than that they were not in earnest about the business of the State to which they had set their hands.'

Other papers besides the Times take the same line, and what is said on this point appears to fairly express the opinion of the man in the street and the woman at home who are going to record their votes at the next General Election. Of course, when the subject is considered impartially it is futile to expect anything better from a Coalition Government than that which stands to the record of the present one under Mr. Lloyd George. We see a number of persons with widely different ideas and ideals, with opposing views on fundamental questions like Protection and Free Trade. There must be a very large measure of 'give and take' in a Coalition Government or it could not exist for a week; but because of this the general effect is to convey to the world at large an impression of indecision and flabbiness where there ought to be firmness and strength. The wonder is that, having been called into existence for a definite purpose—to carry the war to a successful conclusion—the Coalition has lasted so long after the war. It has managed to jog along like a pack horse on a mountain track, narrowly avoiding pitfalls, stumbling badly at times, and recovering almost by a miracle, and in constant danger of slipping over a precipice.

The Coalition has now outlived its usefulness, and it is evident that further efforts to hold it together become increasingly difficult. For a long time the bond of union was the possibility of Labour climbing to power at a General Election; but this danger, if it be regarded in that light, has receded into the political background, thanks to the activities of the extremists in the Trade Unions and their frantic efforts to force the nationalisation of industries, including mines and railways, upon the country. This policy, coupled with a succession of strikes during the last few years, has sickened the electorate against the claims of the Labour party to rule the country. With Labour politics at a discount, the only other party strong enough to form a Government, on the old lines are the Conservatives, who are already exceedingly restive in respect to the alliance with the Coalition Liberals. There is some talk of a General Election in the Autumn, and the belief in political quarters is that the next Government will be a very strong Conservative one with Mr. Chamberlain as Prime Minister. In that case what will become of Mr. Lloyd George? The question is debated quite frankly in the Press; and, as he has no party outside the handful of

Coalition Liberals who now support him, it is suggested that he may find it necessary to retire from the political arena for a time till his future becomes clearer than it is at present. The Daily Telegraph's Parliamentary Correspondent affirms, however, that 'in the best-informed quarters' there is held to be no indication whatever that a General Election is likely to take place this year. At a recent meeting of Ministers, such leaders as Mr. Chamberlain, the EARL OF BALFOUR, and Viscount BIRKENHEAD insisted that a continuance of a working arrangement in some form or other with the 'National Liberals' is essential if the country is to enjoy a stable Government.

A delegation from General Chang Tso Lin arrived at Vladivostok recently. The object of the visit is not known.

Mr. Hamilton, of No. 16, Conduit Road, lost or had stolen from his bedroom on Thursday night \$110 in notes.

The King's Exequatur empowering Senor Don Eleodoro Rouillon to act as Consul for Peru in Hongkong has received his Majesty's signature.

Sealed tenders are invited in the Government Gazette for 'the privilege of slaughtering animals for the food of man' in the Government slaughter house at Aberdeen.

Official notices appear in our advertisement columns to-day of the transfer of the Steam Laundry by the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., to Messrs. Leung Entin and Fung Tat Hung.

A 14-year old Chinese was bitten by a dog owned by Mr. Yip Shun Kam of No. 13, Arbuthnot Road, on Friday. Fortunately the injuries were but slight. The dog has been destroyed.

Mr. Tung Kang, ex-Minister of Finance, left Shanghai by the s.s. Express of Australia for Vancouver recently. Mr. Tung Kang proposes to study the financial and industrial situation in the United States and Europe.

The approval of H.M. the King, has been received to the appointment of the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang to be an unofficial member of the Executive Council during the absence from the Colony of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G.

It is notified that, at the expiration of three months, the Anglo-Russian Trading and Industrial Company, 'Britoruse' Limited will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the Register and the Company will be dissolved.

A Chinese married woman, committed suicide on Friday by jumping off the roof of the Chung Fat Boarding House, Connaught Road Central. The deceased woman had just arrived from Singapore and from her unusual behaviour she was considered to be of unsound mind.

Tsoi Yuk Wu, said to be an officer in the Chinese Army, has informed the police that he was robbed of \$1,600 in Chinese notes, by a man named Lee Ki, who said he was a clerk in the China Bank and that he could get his money changed at a very favourable exchange. The money was handed over to Lee. Shortly afterwards he absconded.

The Indian Police constable who was charged on Thursday, before Mr. Hamilton, with the theft of 60 cents from a ricksha coolie, was sentenced to 'three months' hard labour on Saturday. The Magistrate in sentencing the defendant said it was bad enough for an ordinary person to do such a thing and it was much worse in the case of a policeman.

Admiral Sah Chen Ping has arrived in Canton. He states that he has come on no Government errand, but in a private capacity. To an interviewer he expressed the opinion that the naval squadron in Kwangtung waters had better remain there as Kwangtung had an extensive coastline to protect, and because, also, a lack of funds in the North rendered it advisable for them to remain in the South.

Judge Mariano H. de Jova, of the Court of First Instance, Manila, has declared Manuel S. Concepcion, son of General Venancio Concepcion and former vice-president and later assistant general manager of the Philippine National Bank, guilty of the charge of estafa filed against him by the City Fiscal. Judge de Jova sentenced Concepcion to two years' imprisonment and to indemnify the bank in the sum of P.46,250.

The Canton Arsenal is to be considerably enlarged. When the Kwongsi faction were in power in Canton substantial orders were given to an American firm for machinery which has now been being in godowns on Hutan Island for about a year. We are informed that Mr. Wing Sen, the present Director, is anxious to proceed with the enlargement of the Arsenal and has submitted the plans to the new Civil Governor for his approval. It is stated that when the scheme is carried through the Arsenal at Canton will cover an area quite as extensive as the Hanyang Arsenal and its output will be as large.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE NEAR EAST SITUATION.

TURKS ADVANCING IN ANATOLIA.

LONDON, September 9th.

Latest messages dealing with the fighting in Anatolia show that the Turks are continuing their advance. It is estimated that they are only about 25 miles from Smyrna. This, however, does not entirely tally with statements in Turkish newspapers which indicate that operations are suspended "for a breather." The Greeks are still retreating in the North, but, apparently, are putting up a better fight.

BRITAIN WILL PROTECT MINORITIES.

LONDON, September 9th.

It is pointed out in authoritative circles that the new Turco-Greek military situation will not affect the British Government's views regarding the general question of peace between the Allies and Turkey. Nothing that will in the least affect the freedom of the Straits will be tolerated.

The British Government has again proposed that the question of the protection of minorities be referred to the League of Nations. British policy is to obtain the best possible terms for the safety of these minorities in Asia Minor.

FRENCH PRESS EXULTANT.

PARIS, September 9th.

The Press comments exultantly on the Kemalist successes.

The *Revue de Paris* declares that peace is impossible, failing an immediate understanding with Turkey. It hopes that Great Britain will not persist in her mistakes, which, it declares, are responsible for the perilous situation.

The *Action Financiere* dwells on the danger of the presence of Turks on the Bosphorus and says, the Allies, who failed to avert the disaster to the Greeks, must consider a means for preventing the Turkish conquest of Constantinople similarly to 1452 A.D.

GERMAN PRESS DISTRUSTS FRANCE.

BERLIN, September 9th.

The German Press in its comments on the situation in Anatolia, says that it is more an Anglo-French than a Turco-Greek conflict. It fears that the strengthening of the French position in the Near East, will prejudice the Anglo-German reparations negotiations.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PEACE BY ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER.

ROME, September 9th.

Signor Schanzer (Prime Minister) has approached Paris and London, suggesting inviting the Greek-Turks to Venice, in order to discuss a basis for peace, as a preliminary to the Venice Conference proper. Signor Schanzer is of the opinion that the Allies should limit their activities to urging the belligerents to cease hostilities.

HALF-A-MILLION REFUGEES AT SMYRNA.

LONDON, September 9th.

A telegram received in London, states that half-a-million refugees from the interior have arrived at Smyrna in a pitiable condition.

INCENDIARISM, PILLAGE AND MURDER.

SMYRNA, September 9th.

The situation is most grave. Bands of Greek soldiers, Armenians and Turks are indulging in incendiarism, pillage and murder.

The Allied fleets have prepared a concerted plan of action, in the event of the arrival of the Kemalists.

GREEKS EVACUATING BRUSA SECTOR.

ATHENS, September 9th.

The Greek troops in the Brusa sector are evacuating via Mudania, on the sea of Marmara.

AN ARMISTICE REQUESTED.

PARIS, September 9th.

Advices from Ankara state that a request for an armistice has been received by the International Allied Commissioners at Constantinople. The Kemalists will probably demand that Greece must evacuate Asia Minor and Thrace and also pay reparations for the damage caused.

SMYRNA TO BE OCCUPIED BY THE TURKS.

Up to the present the Greeks have not officially admitted the fall of Smyrna, but the latest direct messages from Smyrna give the text of a proclamation issued at midnight on September 9th, declaring the Greek Administration, ended, and that the town has been handed over to the Allies, whose Consuls have conferred and despatched a wireless message to Kemal asking that a date be fixed for a meeting in order to discuss peaceful entry and occupation by the Turks.

Armed American, British and French patrols have been landed and distributed throughout the City.

The Greeks are working furiously to evacuate their troops before the Enemy's arrival. Up to the present they have transported 15,000 of their worst casualties to Greece. Six thousand fresh troops have arrived from Thrace and are being rushed to the front to cover the evacuation. Greek Headquarters have been moved to Mitylene, from where operations will be directed.

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LATEST CABLES.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINER REPORTED SINKING.

ONE THOUSAND PASSENGERS ON BOARD.

LONDON, September 9th.

The Hamburg-Amerika liner *Hammonia*, when a hundred miles from Oporto, with a thousand passengers aboard, wirelessed that she was sinking.

The *Hammonia* is a 7,000 tons vessel bound from Hamburg to Puerto Mexico. She left Plymouth on September 4th. A Greek steamer is proceeding to the scene of the disaster.

PASSENGERS REPORTED SAVED.

VIGO, September 9th.

It is believed that the *Hammonia's* passengers were saved.

VESSEL A TOTAL LOSS, CREW AND PASSENGERS SAVED.

LATER.

Details of the *Hammonia's* accident are lacking. Reuter's correspondent at Madrid states that the vessel is a total loss. One British and five other vessels, have taken off all the passengers and crew.

BRITISH TRADE UNION CONGRESS.

THE REGISTRATION OF THEATRICAL EMPLOYERS.

LONDON, September 9th.

The Trade Union Congress at Southampton has concluded the election of the General Council, whose constitution is practically unchanged. Many leaders were not opposed to the resolution in favour of the registration of theatrical employers. The resolution was moved by a member of the Variety Artists' Federation, who read typical letters offering employment, notably one from Malta, which he described as white slave trafficking.

JAPANESE TROOPS IN SIBERIA.

The Congress passed a resolution demanding the removal of the embargo on the importation of foreign cattle and also calling on the Japanese Government to fulfil its declaration, made at the Washington Conference, that it would withdraw the troops from Siberia.

BOMBASTIC DECLARATION BY KEMALIST REPRESENTATIVE.

PARIS, September 9th.

Ahmed Farid Bey, the Kemalist representative at Paris, has declared that the Kemalists wanted Constantinople, Adrianople and Thrace. He added, "we will clear the Dardanelles whatever troops are occupying them."

TURKS OCCUPY TOWN OF SMYRNA.

PARIS, September 9th.

Advices from Ankara state that the Turkish Nationalists have occupied the town of Smyrna.

OUTSPOKEN ARTICLE BY AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY.

LONDON, September 9th.

Mr. Morgan Thau, American Ambassador to Turkey, in an outspoken article in the *Sunday Times*, refers to America's solicitude for the safety of Christians in Asia Minor. He criticises the Treaty of Sevres, which, he declares, should not have given Smyrna and part of the hinterland to Greece. The Turks should be definitely relegated to Asia Minor, while the Dardanelles and Constantinople should be internationalised under the protection of the League of Nations. He concludes that there may yet be time for Britain, France and Italy to suspend their jealousies and prejudices, and fix up a mutual agreement along these lines.

CABINET MAKING IN GREECE.

ATHENS, September 9th.

M. Triandafylakos is forming a new Cabinet, in succession to M. Calogeropoulos, who has abandoned the task.

EARLIER CABLES.

NAVAL CONCENTRATION: THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES.

MALTA, September 8th.

Rear-Admiral Tyndal, with the light cruisers *Cardiff* and *Concord*, is leaving for Smyrna. Almost the entire Mediterranean Fleet is now concentrated in Near Eastern waters.

PROBLEM OF FOOD AND SANITATION.

SMYRNA, September 8th.

Thousands of refugees and deserters are arriving. The question is becoming grave, as practically no steps have been taken regarding sanitation and food supplies. It is estimated that homeless refugees exceed two hundred thousand. Many British subjects are remaining at Smyrna and outlying villages. Fears are entertained for the security of British properties.

The United States Consul-General in Constantinople, who is Chairman of the United States Relief Association, has undertaken to render all possible assistance to refugees from Asia Minor, both at Constantinople and Smyrna.

ATHENS, September 8th.

M. Calogeropoulos has accepted the Greek Premiership.

LATEST CABLES.

THE PRICE OF BOLSHEVIK "FREEDOM."

NEARLY TWO MILLION EXECUTIONS.

PARIS, September 9th.

Advices from Moscow state that, according to the Bolsheviks' own figures, executions by the official anti-revolutionary organisation at Chersky and Cheka, since December, 1917, total close on 1,750,000.

FIRST FREE-STATE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT.

OPENS IN DUBLIN.

LONDON, September 9th.

The Free State's first National Parliament has opened in Dublin and unanimously elected Professor Michael Hayes to be speaker, with Mr. William Cosgrave as president.

DISORDERLY BEHAVIOUR OF ANTI-TREATYITES.

The only anti-treatyite present was Laurence Ginnell, the Dail's envoy to the Argentine, who was forcibly removed by the civic guard, after constantly interrupting the proceedings.

Other irregular deputies decided to challenge the Government's threat of arrest and appointed Mr. Ginnell as their spokesman. Mr. Ginnell at the set circulated a notice of motion repudiating the authority of the Assembly, accusing the Provisional Government of starting the civil war, and disregarding repeated warnings from the Speaker, not to interfere with the election.

After his removal, Mr. Cosgrave was elected President, on the motion of General Mulcahy, who said that the session would be short, as the business would be to establish a Constitution in accordance with the treaty and to find means of defeating their internal enemies.

THE NEW DAIL CABINET.

LONDON, September 9th.

The Dail assented not to comment on the composition of the new Dail Cabinet, which is as follows:—

Mr. William Cosgrave, President of the Dail Eireann and Chairman of the Provisional Government.

Mr. Ernest Bly, the Local Government.

Mr. Desmond Fitzgerald, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Mr. P. J. Hogan, Minister of Agriculture.

Mr. Joseph McGrath, Minister of Commerce and Labour.

General Richard Mulcahy, Minister of Defence and Commander-in-Chief.

Mr. J. H. Walsh, Postmaster-General.

Professor John McNeill, Minister of Education.

Mr. Kevin Higgins, Minister of Home Affairs.

THE KING'S CUP AIR-RACE.

LONDON, September 8th.

Of the twenty-one machines which started from Croydon yesterday morning, in the first stage of the two days' air race round Great Britain, only thirteen reached Glasgow, whence the return journey starts this morning.

Captain Barnard, on a *De Havilland*, arrived at Glasgow at 5.19 yesterday evening. Raynham, on a *Martin* *Syde*, 5.23; Cobham on a *De Havilland*, 5.24; Courtney, on a *Siddeley* *Stinson*, at 5.42.

Captain Barnard's time for 394 miles, Croydon to Glasgow, exclusive of compulsory stops of one-and-a-half hours at each control station was, 3 hrs. 21 mins. Courtney, the scratch man, took 3 hrs. 21 mins. 50 secs.

WON BY CAPTAIN BARNARD.

LONDON, September 9th.

In the air race for the King's Cup, twenty-one started yesterday, and eleven finished at Croydon, this afternoon. The first to finish was Captain Barnard, flying Sir Samuel Instone's *De Havilland*. He covered the total distance of 810 miles in 51 hours. Raynham, on a *Martin* *Syde*, arrived three minutes later. Cobham, on a *De Havilland*, was third.

FLYING CONDITIONS DIFFICULT.

The weather was fine, though overcast. Of the thirteen starters on the return journey, the scratch man, Courtney, and Payn on a thirty-five horse-power *Baby* *Aero*, gave up at Manchester.

Tremendous crowds assembled at the landing-places and accorded an ovation to the airmen. Flying conditions throughout were difficult and the value of the performances is therefore enhanced.

BELGO-GERMAN REPARATION NEGOTIATIONS.

NO AGREEMENT ON MAIN POINTS.

BRUSSELS, September 8th.

Belgo-German negotiations on the subject of reparations guarantees, have concluded, practically without result, owing to the Belgians' refusal to agree to the German request to extend Treasury Bills for eighteen months instead of six. Nevertheless, an agreement was reached on minor points, notably the Reichsbank guarantee. The Belgians are hopeful that conversations will be resumed later.

Herr Stümpel, leading organ, the *Allgemeine Zeitung*, commenting on the failure of the negotiations says that, it is useless for Germany to promise what she cannot fulfil and she is not in a position to offer guarantees for payments. This hard fact must shatter all attempts to settle the guarantee question.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS ASSEMBLY.

ANOTHER DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE PROPOSED.

GENEVA, September 9th.

The assembly discussions are expected to largely centre on the far reaching scheme, submitted by Lord Robert Cecil, yesterday, involving a mutual defence treaty, with a definite reduction of armies and the convocation of a new naval conference, including the nations not represented at the Washington Conference.

THE NEAR EAST QUESTION.

GENEVA, September 9th.

The League of Nations Assembly concluded the debate on the Council's report, after speeches by M. Hymans, Belgium, and M. Hanotiaux, France, paying tribute to the great work the League of Nations had accomplished. In his speech, M. Streit, Greece, while dwelling on the question of minorities, as especially interesting Greece, declared that the Christian minorities in Asia Minor were the victims of systematic extermination. He hoped the League would lend its high authority to any measures which would save them from death and suffering and hoped there would be a treaty that would establish a just and durable peace in the Near East, and that effective measures would simultaneously be taken to secure the protection of Armenians.

Plenary Sessions will be suspended until the various committees send in their reports.

PERU NOT TO JOIN THE LEAGUE.

LIMA, September 9th.

The Foreign Minister has stated that Peru did not send delegates to Geneva and does not intend to send delegates in future, considering that the League of Nations lost its efficiency when the United States decided not to join.

THE OPERATIONS OF HERB STINNES.

MAY BE EXTENDED TO BELGIUM.

BRUSSELS, September 9th.

The *Herliner Tageblatt* states that Herr Stinnes is discussing with the Belgian Delegate, M. Bomhennans, the question of extending the Stinnes-Lubusac agreement to Belgium, also shipping matters, especially as regards the Port of Antwerp.

U.S.A. TARIFF BILL.

THE FORM OF VALUATION DISCUSSED.

WASHINGTON, September 8th.

It is understood that the Conference of the Senate and House of Representatives has reached a compromise on the question of valuation, which forms the basis for duties of the new Tariff Bill. The Representatives mostly yielded to the Senate's proposed modified form of foreign valuation, instead of the American valuation scheme.

MODIFIED FOREIGN VALUATION ACCEPTED.

LATER.

It is understood that a compromise has been reached between members of the House of Representatives and the Senate, on the question of valuation, which forms the basis of duties in the new Tariff Bill. The Senate Finance Committee, in revising the Bill, rejected the American substituting therefor, a modified form of foreign valuation.

U.S.A. RAILWAY STRIKE.

ANOTHER CONFERENCE OF EXECUTIVES.

WASHINGTON, September 9th.

Officials in touch with the railway strike, express the hope that good results will follow the meeting of Railway Executives, now proceeding in Chicago. It is stated that the President of the Baltimore-Ohio Railroad has been summoned to the Executive's conference, in order to consider a definite offer to employees, for a separate agreement with each railway. While they are only a portion of the railways, now involved in the strike, they are expected to immediately adopt the plan and it is anticipated that other roads will agree later, on a similar basis.

DISTRICT COURT RULING CREATES PECULIAR POSITION.

WASHINGTON, September 8th.

A peculiar position has arisen owing to the Judge of the District Court of Columbia over-riding the Federal Court order restraining railway strikers from interfering with the operations of railroads.

The Judge has temporarily enjoined the United States Marshal from interfering with a meeting of officials of the Electrical Workers' Union, or from doing anything to prevent strike activities, beyond the terms of the Federal order. It is believed that this is the first instance on which labourers have appealed for an injunction against the execution of an injunction.

SIAM BUYS A TRAINING SHIP.

BRITISH MINE-SWEEPER PURCHASED.

LONDON, September 9th.

The British mine-sweeping ship *Marant* has been sold to Siam for use as a sea-going training ship. The vessel is at present undergoing conversion at Southampton.

LATER.

The principal alteration is the conversion of the boilers to oil fuel. This is the first British Mine-of-War to be transferred abroad since the signing of the Washington Pact.

THE ST. LEGER BETTING QUOTATIONS.

LONDON, September 9th.

The St. Leger betting quotations are:— 6 to 1 Villars and Preston Grange; 13 to 2 Ramus and Fred Power; 10 to 1 Diligence; 100 to 8 Buck's Hussar; 100 to 7 Corcyrian.

PROBABLE STARTERS AND JOCKEYS.

LONDON, September 9th.

The following are probable starters in the St. Leger: Agro (Shatwell), Buck's Hussar (Childs), Ceylones (Frank Bullock), Corcyrian (Caralake), Fred Power (Donoghue), Gallio (Spear), Harpenden (Jellies), Preston Grange (Archibald), Reece (Herbert Jones), Silurian (Gardner), Villars (Beary), Carpathus (Ledson), Gaurisankar (Winkfield), Duns-green (J. J. Brennan), Caleb (Lane), Galway Prince (Clark) Werwolf (Griggs). No Jockeys have been retained Backwood, Royal Lancer, Diligence, Irish Battle, Lord Oburgheley, Ramus and Norseman.

THE COTTON INDUSTRY.

THE QUESTION OF LIMITED OUTPUT.

LONDON, September 9th.

The general committee of the Federation of Master Cotton-Spinners Association has considered the question of short-time and decided to take a ballot of spinners of American cotton, on the question of closing down at four (4 p.m.) on Saturdays and Mondays. The committee will meet on September 15th to consider the result.

The committee did not consider the further sectionalising of the American cotton branch. This is regarded as indicating that the committee are far from intending to deal with the whole cotton trade on an organised basis, as it is not even dealing with the spinning section as a whole; as, if the sectionalising idea was carried out, it would apparently only be with the object of limiting the output of a portion of the mills of American cotton-users, namely, those producing more than they can satisfactorily sell. Thus, it is clear that the committee does not intend inviting other sections of the trade to join in reviving the old Cotton Control Board in a modified form.

BRAZILIAN CENTENARY EXHIBITION.

RECEPTION BY JAPANESE MINISTER.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 9th.

The Japanese Minister held a reception in connection with the Centenary Exhibition. The Brazilian Authorities, Diplomats and Foreign Naval Officers were present.

PRESIDENT REVIEWS ASSEMBLED WARSHIPS.

RIO DE JANEIRO, September 9th.

In connection with the Centenary Celebrations, the President reviewed the assembled warships, representing numerous nations, including Japan and Great Britain. The British battle-cruiser, *Hood*, which was accompanied by the battle-cruiser *Leipzig*, was the most formidable unit in the review.

THE GERMAN NOTE SHORTAGE.

CROWDS BESIEGE THE REICHSBANK.

BERLIN, September 9th.

Crowds besieged the Reichsbank for hours, trying to cash Reichsbank cheques, but were only able to get a fraction, consequent on the scarcity of notes, partly due to the note printers' strike, also to the hoarding of notes by business houses for wages.

KRUPP'S ACQUIRE CONTROLLING INTEREST IN PUTILOFF WORKS.

BERLIN, September 9th.

As the outcome of lengthy negotiations, it is stated that Krupp's have acquired a controlling interest in the Putiloff works, from the Soviets, for 100,000,000 marks.

ARGONAUT MINING DISASTER STILL HOPES OF RESCUE.

JACKSON (California), Sept. 9th.

The officials of the Argonaut mine, in which the disaster occurred on August 28th, believe that seventy-five of the entombed miners are still alive. This belief is the result of chemical tests of the air in the mine and a reward of \$5,000 is offered for the first crew breaking into the mine.

MRS. PRESIDENT HARDING SERIOUSLY ILL.

WASHINGTON, September 9th.

Mrs. Harding is seriously ill, and the President is continuously at her bedside.

THE MULTAN RIOTS.

COUNTING THE COST.

LATER.

There have been no further disorders in the district of Multan since the 6th inst. The total casualties in the recent riots were seven killed and seventy-four injured.

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FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SENSATIONAL FRAUD ON NEW YORK BANK.

BULK OF PROCEEDS CABLED TO PEKING.

LONDON, September 10th.

The police of London, Quebec, New York and China are investigating a robbery of \$225,000, of which it is alleged, the Guaranty Trust Company, New York, are the victims.

A cable was received at the Trust's London offices, from New York, asking for the transfer of \$225,000 on account of a client, to a person in England.

Only after the money had been handed over was it discovered that an ingenious fraud had been perpetrated, the cabled instructions not emanating from the man whose (forged) signature was on the cable. Several persons are involved and the chief conspirator is believed to have gone to Quebec.

The Vice-President of the Trust is of the opinion that a copy of the code was obtained from one of the Trust's Far Eastern correspondents. He declares that the receiver cabled to Peking \$25,000 of the proceeds. The Trust has recovered \$15,000 of this amount.

A STOCK AND PRODUCE EXCHANGE TO BE CLOSED.

BY ORDER OF ITALIAN CONSULAR COURT.

SHANGHAI, September 10th.

The Italian Consular Court has ordered the closing of the Far Eastern Bank and the International Gold and Silver Stock and Produce Exchange, on the ground that, although they are registered at the Italian Consulate, they no longer have Italian interests. The order also affects branches of the bank at Canton, Tientsin, Tsingtao and Hankow.

STRIKE ON CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

MEN DEMAND DISMISSAL OF TWO EMPLOYEES.

HANKOW, September 9th.

On Saturday a strike commenced on the Canton-Hankow Railway. The strikers are demanding the dismissal of two employees. Traffic is disorganised.

LIEUT. DOOLITTLE'S FLYING FEAT.

ELEVEN HUNDRED MILES IN UNDER TWELVE HOURS.

SAN ANTONIO, September 9th.

Lieut. Doolittle, on September 8th, flew back from San Diego, eleven hundred miles, in eleven hours forty-seven minutes.

MENACE TO EUROPE FROM RUSSIAN EPIDEMICS.

CONCERTED ACTION BY THE POWERS PROPOSED.

GENEVA, September 9th.

Speaking in the Assembly of the League of Nations Earl Balfour declared that the danger to Europe from epidemics in Russia was extremely grave, and made concerted action necessary. He announced that Britain was prepared to contribute \$100,000 towards counter measures, provided other States together would contribute \$200,000.

ROYAL VISIT TO DANISH COURT.

COPENHAGEN, September 9th.

The Queen of Holland and Prince Henry left for Sweden after a visit to the Danish Court. Their departure was characterised by demonstrations of marked cordiality.

FRENCH SEAMEN'S EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

PRES. MILLERAND ANNOUNCES ITS ABANDONMENT.

PARIS, September 9th.

When receiving a deputation from the Federation of Seamen, President Millerand announced the abandonment of the Seamen's eight-hour day, owing to the refusal of foreign nations to follow France's lead.

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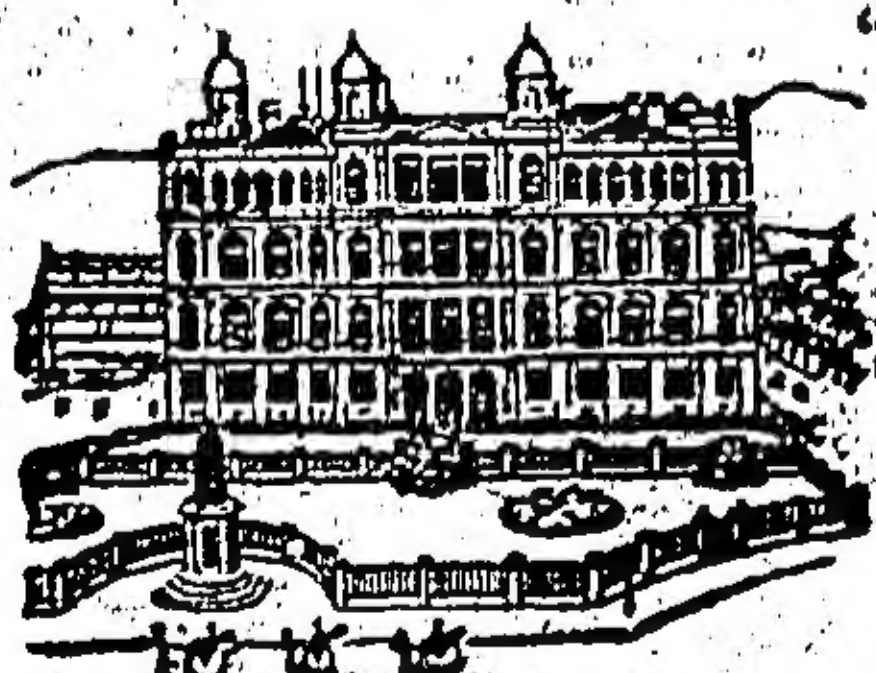
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CABLES.

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EARLIER CABLES.
[THROUGH REXTER'S AGENCY.]GERMAN NEWSPAPERS IN
DIFFICULTIES.
GREAT INCREASE IN PAPER
COSTS.

BERLIN, September 8th.
The desperate condition of German newspapers was emphasised by Herr Lensing, Westphalian representative, speaking at a meeting of the Reichsrat called to consider measures to assist the Press. Herr Lensing mentioned that numerous newspapers had already ceased to exist and he averred that the whole Press of Germany would disappear unless the Government acted drastically. He pointed out that before the war, Double Wagon printing paper cost 2,000 marks but was now 840,000 marks. The paper manufacturers had raised the price although reputed to be rolling in money.

Herr Schmidt, Minister of Economics, said he could not hold out much hope of the introduction of maximum paper prices. To alleviate the deplorable situation, the price of wood must first fall, but the Federal States were financially interested in the prices of timber and he suggested that the Federal Governments should again be approached on the matter.

FUTURE OF INDIA.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH
DISCUSSED IN INDIA.

SIMLA, September 8th.
Following a keen debate, the Council of State, by a large majority, rejected, without a division, a motion expressing apprehension and disappointment at Mr. Lloyd George's speech in the House of Commons relative to India's future. This was the result of earnest appeals by several Indian members to their colleagues to drop the matter, as the fears were groundless, and an appeal by Sir William Vincent for a maintenance of the House's reputation for sobriety and wisdom.

One Indian member declared that the Moderates wanted the Civil Service for years to come while there were cries of "No" when Sir William Vincent asked whether the House wished to cease recruiting British officials.

A VOTE TAKEN.

SIMLA, September 8th.
The Legislative Assembly by 48 votes to 34 passed a resolution expressing grave concern at the statements in Mr. Lloyd George's speech in the Commons on the future of India, as conflicting with previous declarations regarding self-government and "Indianisation" of services.

DEATH OF M. BONNAT.

A FAMOUS FRENCH PAINTER.

BEAUVAIS, September 8th.
The death is announced of the famous painter, M. Leon Bonnat.
[M. Bonnat was President of the Societe des Artistes Français, a member of the Institute, Hon. R.A., and a member of the Council of the Legion of Honour.]

U.S.A. COTTON MARKET.
AN INVESTIGATION AUTHORIZED.

WASHINGTON, September 8th.
The Senate has authorised official investigation of practices employed in marketing cotton, by a resolution which seeks to determine whether there is interference with the law of supply and demand.

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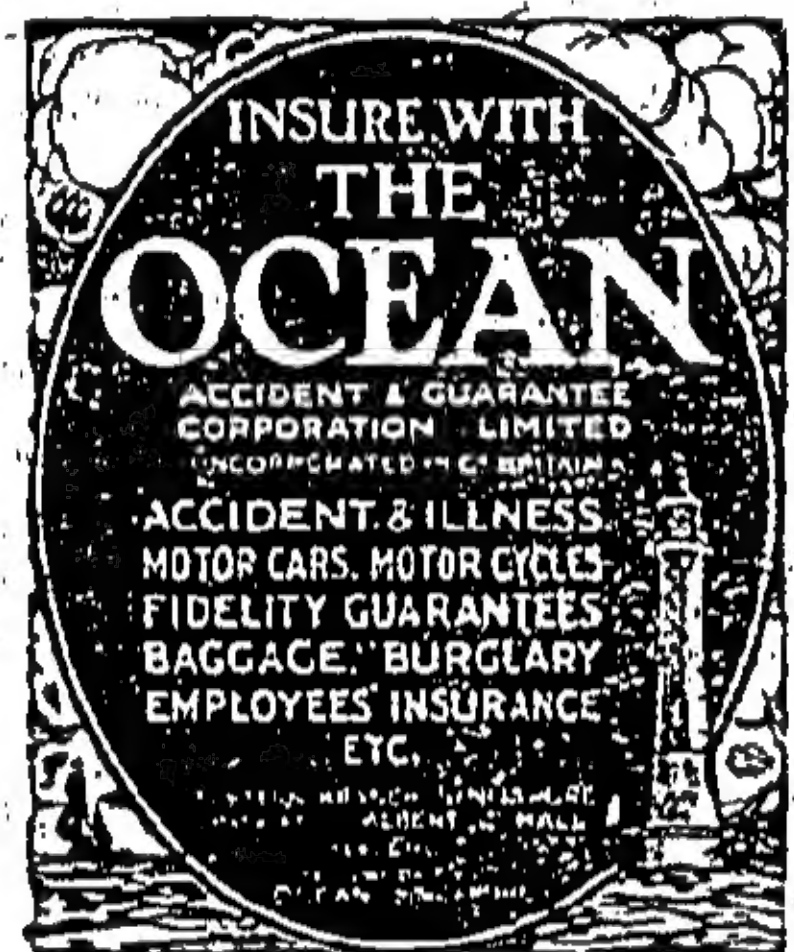
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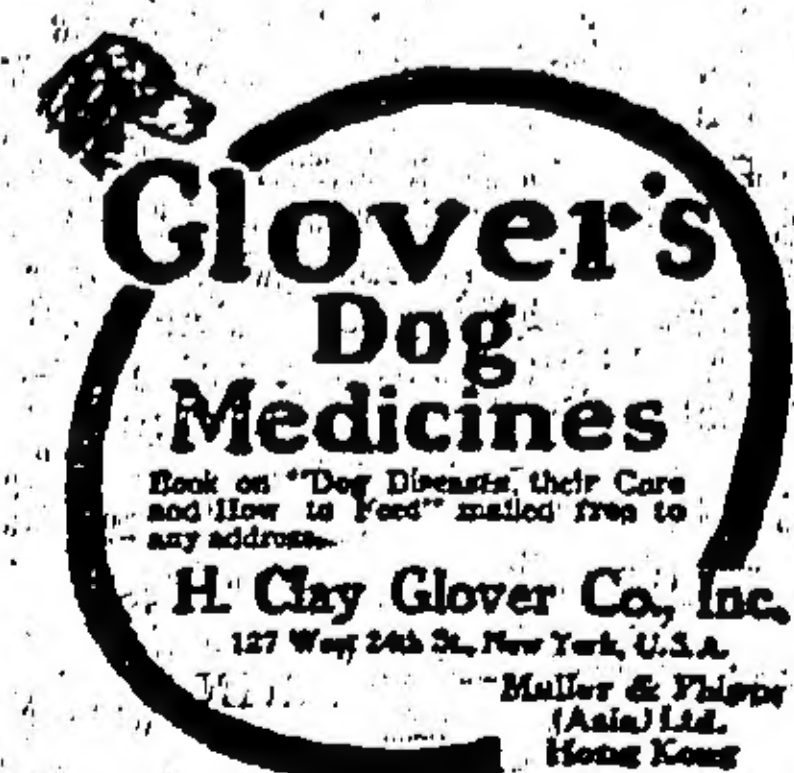
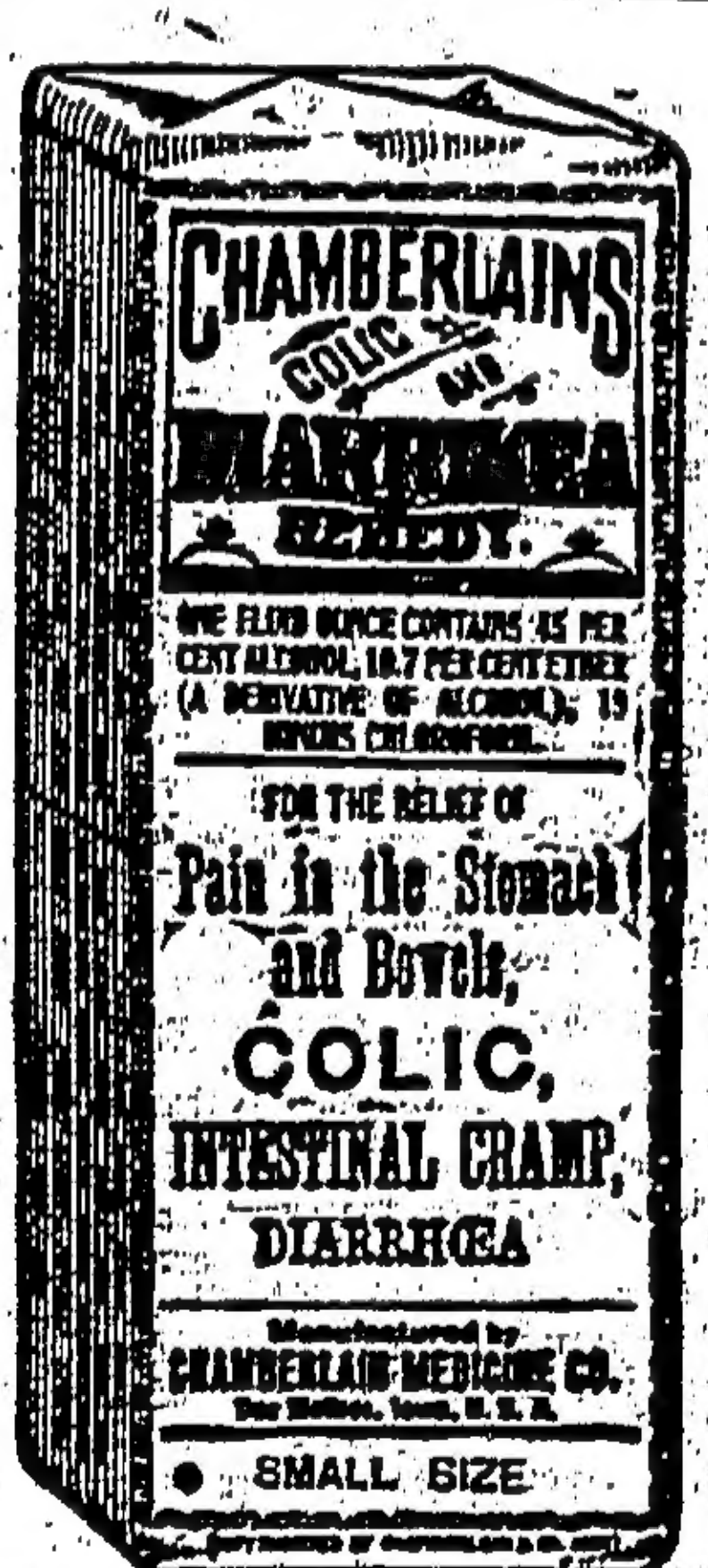
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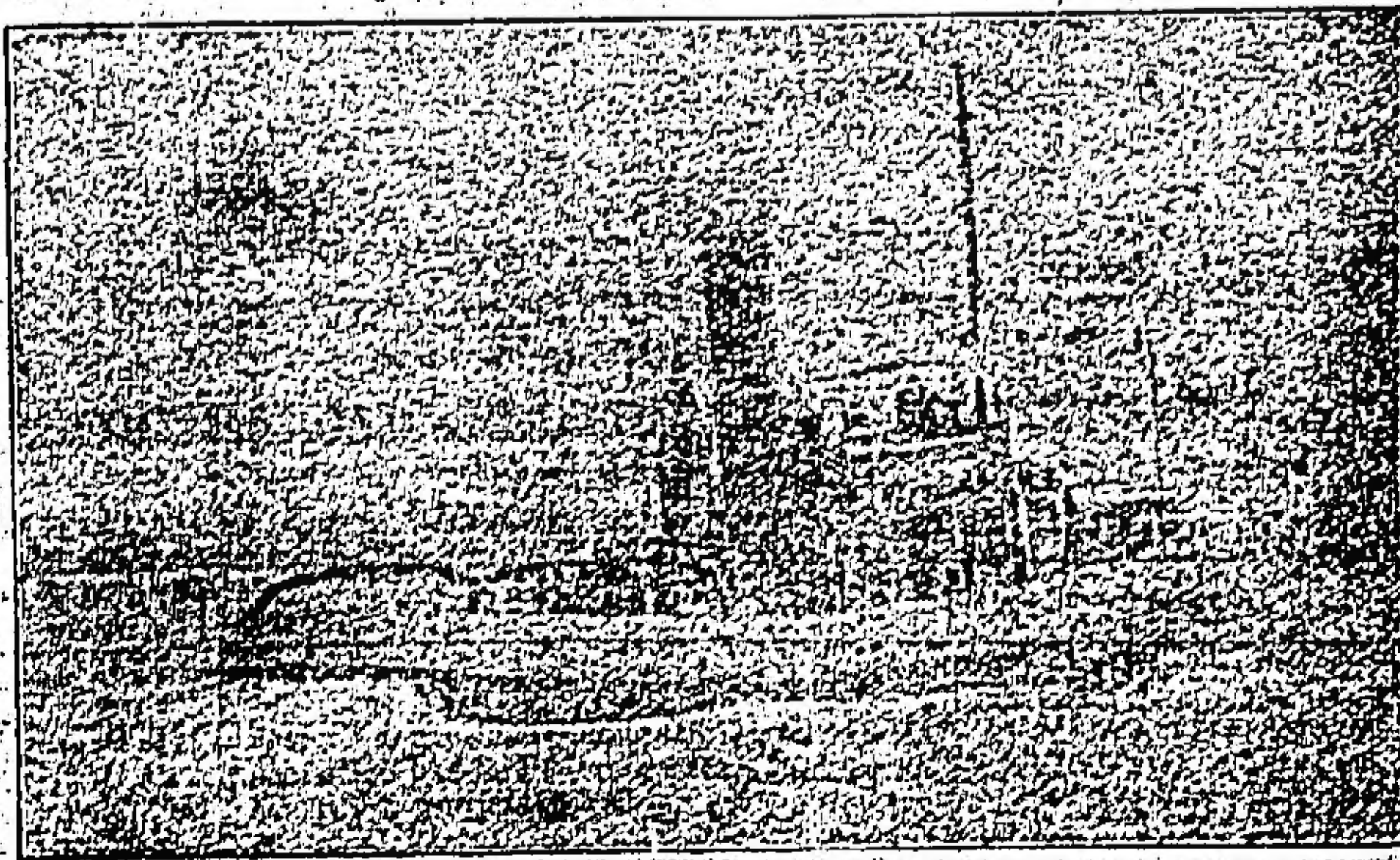
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CLOSE OF THE "EGYPT"
INQUIRY.

COUNSEL'S SPEECHES.

Closing speeches by counsel were heard on August 3rd at the Board of Trade Inquiry into the loss of the P. and O. liner *Egypt* which was sunk after collision with the French cargo-boat *Seine* twenty miles off Ushant, on May 20th, with the loss of eighty-seven lives (sixteen passengers and seventy-one members of the crew). The Court's decision will be announced shortly.

Mr. A. T. Bucknill, for the Government of India and the Lascar members of the crew, said that if any Lascar read the speech of Mr. Cotter (President of the Amalgamated Marine Workers' Union) he must ask himself whether there was any sense of fair play or gratitude in Britain. It must hurt a Lascar to be called a coward after all he did for us in the war, and the only consolation he had got was to wait for the publication of the report of the inquiry and to see that his fellow-countrymen got a sympathetic and a just judgment. It was admitted that there was great confusion after the collision. The time allowed for the boat drill before the ship left Tilbury was inadequate to ensure effective supervision. After all, the Lascar crew were entitled to expect leadership, orders, and control in a difficult situation. They did not get it, though he did not say it was anybody's fault. The evidence showed that the natives, given a task, did it faithfully and stuck to it, while in the absence of leadership they became confused.

Mr. B. W. Ginsburg, on behalf of Mr. Brown, the officer on the bridge at the time of the collision, and Mr. French, supernumerary second officer, submitted that the navigation of the ship during the fog before the collision was absolutely proper, and that the junior officers showed a resource which did credit to them and to the service.

CASE FOR THE P. AND O. COMPANY.

Mr. D. A. Bateson, K.C. (for the P. and O. Company, the master, and certain officers), emphasized the rapidity with which the *Egypt* sank, and said there was nothing like twenty minutes in which to get done all the things it was suggested ought to and could have been done in the circumstances. The whole of the case suggested by the Board of Trade against the company and the officers left out of sight the shortness of time and the extraordinary list and its results. Nobody, he submitted, could be blamed for what happened after the collision, and great allowance must be made for the human error of observation, of recollection, of inclination. If some of the natives crowded in the boats, did not get out when ordered, or made difficulties in getting away the boats, what more likely than it should be said that they knew no drill, knew no boats to go to, had no lifebelts, and so forth? The reason why every man did not go to his own boat was that, owing to the list, several boats were kept of action.

Counsel submitted that it was not want of discipline that caused the disaster, except in so far as possibly some of the natives lost their heads and did not do what they were expected to do. But the most highly organized bodies of men sometimes stampeded. He did not know why the system should be attacked because something happened in the nature of a great disaster like a big ship turning turtle. Not one single officer got away, except through the water, save Mr. Cameron, who was sent away for a special purpose. Every one of them, except Mr. Cameron, had to swim for it. The captain had to be dragged through the water into the boat. That was very significant. The captain could not be blamed for any action that he took; no complaint was suggested against his navigation. There was nothing for which his master's certificate should be endorsed. Notwithstanding every invitation, the owners of the *Seine* had not thought it well to come forward, or let their master or officers come forward, to give evidence before that Court. If the *Seine* had been going at a moderate speed she would probably have missed the *Egypt* altogether. The *Egypt* was travelling slowly and carefully.

Dealing with the P. and O. Company's red book of instructions to officers, counsel said that they might criticize the instructions verbally, but in substance they could not get a better code. He submitted that the rules were properly carried out. They must leave a good deal to the man on the spot rather than put him into a strait-jacket. The reason some of the natives had no lifebelts was because they did not go to get them. Fault could not be found with the conduct of all the natives. Every effort was made by the officers to control the natives, but the sudden fear created among those in the engine-room by the inrush of water communicated itself to other native members of the crew. What more could the owners do than appoint to the *Egypt* the best of officers, many of them old servants of the company and men who distinguished themselves throughout the war, such as the master, Captain Collyer, and the chief officer, Mr. Cartwright?

BOARD OF TRADE SUBMISSION.

The Solicitor-General (Sir Leslie Scott) referred to the great history of the P. and O. Company and the high traditions of the British merchant service, particularly of the great passenger lines, and said it was a matter of regret to the Board of Trade that they had to present to the Court a case that the company or its officers had been in any way to blame; but in certain respects it was his duty to present the case. If the fog was so thick that the *Seine* could not be seen by those on board the *Egypt* until she was 150 to 200 feet away, it was clear that in a fog of that kind helm action would not suffice to avoid a collision when another ship came into view. He submitted that at the material time the

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Egypt was travelling at an immoderate speed, having regard to the fog. There were two respects in which the sinking of the ship might have been due to the officers—first, in regard to the speed of the ship at the time of the blow; and, secondly, by leaving the watertight doors open. He was not going to charge any of the officers individually at the time of the casualty in regard to the closing of the bulkhead doors, but he thought it was a matter for consideration whether the arrangements made beforehand were sufficient for dealing with the question in an emergency.

He was obliged to submit to the Court that there was grave absence of discipline—instead of discipline, confusion; and that the company, the Marine Superintendent, the Dock Superintendent, and the officers of the ship, particularly the captain and the chief officer, were in their different ways responsible for the want of discipline. Discipline was essential in moments of emergency. That was far and away the most important aspect of the inquiry. The British mercantile marine had a great reputation for discipline in the face of danger. Its record in the war was superb. The contention that because of sudden danger discipline could not be expected did ill credit to the reputation of our mercantile marine, and was a contention that could never be admitted without disastrous results. In the present case no one acted or continued to act as he would do at a properly conducted boat drill. There was no attempt to apply the principles of boat drill to the actuality. There was lack of system, of organization, a lack of responsibility, and totally insufficient training.

The question of language was of real importance in the case of ships carrying so large a proportion of native crews. It was said by several witnesses that the Lascars were very good seamen when properly led. He did not doubt the justice of the encomium, but it was essential that the white officers and crew should be able to speak their language. If there had been a proper system of boat drill, so that the thing was a reality when it was wanted, there would have been plenty of time for more boats to get away, and the boats that did get away could have done so more speedily and there would have been no confusion. The fact was that whatever panic there was, was the effect and not the cause of the lack of order and discipline. Did it not look as though a general sense of security, probably the reaction after the war, had caused everyone to forget the need for drill practical?

If any blame were attached to officers, it was not right or fair that the blame should be left on their shoulders only. In a matter of discipline it was the ultimate authority who was ultimately responsible. If it were found that there had been a slackening of discipline in the service, it was from the chairman of the board itself that the tightening of the bonds of discipline should come. If the Court found that the captain or the chief officer was to blame, it should blame more the system and the final authority responsible for the maintenance of the system.

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"PLASSY"	7,300	10th Jan., 1933	do.
"RAPIDINIA"	6,580	24th Jan.	do.
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 SWATOW & RANGKOK ... On 12th Sept. 4 p.m.
 AMOY & SHANGHAI ... On 14th Sept. 4 p.m.
 SWATOW & AMOY ... On 14th Sept. 4 p.m.
 WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & NEWCHANG ... On 15th Sept. 4 p.m.
 SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO ... On 15th Sept. 4 p.m.
 WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN ... On 15th Sept. 4 p.m.
 SWATOW & SINGAPORE ... On 17th Sept. 4 p.m.
 SHANGHAI ... On 17th Sept. 4 p.m.
 SWATOW & RANGKOK ... On 19th Sept. 4 p.m.
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